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This statement is being sent to disclose information related to the above-identified application. The references are listed on USPTO Form 1449, two copies of which are attached. The references were located in a search conducted by the European Patent Office. Copies of the cited references (3) and a copy of the search report are also attached. Review is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is asked to place his/her initials next to each reference listed on the form to indicate that the reference was considered and return one copy to us.

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